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# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**Monday, 14th February 1955.**

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

## I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

## STARRED QUESTIONS.

*Appointment of District Munsifs*

* 672 *Q*.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any selection of District Munsifs was recently made;

(*b*) if so, how many candidates from the Bar applied for the said posts;

(*c*) how many of the applicants belong to—

(i) the Scheduled Castes; and

(ii) the Backward Communities;

(*d*) the basis or principle on which the selection was made; and

(*e*) whether territorial representation and communal representation were taken into consideration in selecting the candidates?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) Yes, in September, 1954.

" (*b*) 246 (two hundred and forty-six).

" (*c*) (i) Number of Scheduled Castes applicants, 1 (one).

(ii) Number of Backward Classes applicants, 70 (seventy).

" (*d*) The recruitment was made on the basis of a competitive examination comprising an oral test in the shape of an interview with the assistance of a Judge of the High Court.

" (*e*) It is presumed that by territorial representation the hon. Member means linguistic representation. If so, the answer is in the affirmative. As regards communal representation there was reservation for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes only. Others were selected by open competition."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR:—" Sir, what is the number of persons on the Selection Board? How many were selected, and among the selected, how many are from among the Scheduled Castes and the Backward Communities? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There was only one applicant from the Scheduled Castes and I think, he has been selected. As for the Backward Classes, nine candidates were selected out of the 70 Backward Class applicants from the Bar."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, supposing a man belonging to the Harijan Community or the Backward Classes is able to compete with others on merits and because a certain percentage of posts is reserved for the Harijan Community and Backward Classes, will the Government consider that the man who is able to compete on merits must be taken in the general pool and not in the reserved category? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, in appointments we cannot have both ways. If such a man competes on merits and then succeeds, only the balance of posts is filled up by reservation."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, may I know the number of Mappilla applicants and the number of Mappillas selected for these posts? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not have separate figures for Mappillas."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR :—" இப்பொழுது தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்ட முன்சீப்களில் எத்தனை பேர்கள் பிராமணர்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We do not have figures as to the number of Brahmans and non-Brahmans."

SRI T. SHANMUGAM :—" இந்த செலெக்ஷன் ஜில்லாவாரியாக செய்யப்படுகிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" மாகாணம் பூராவுக்கும் தேர்தல் நடக்கிறது."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" டிஸ்திரிக்ட் முன்சீப்களாக தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்படுகிறவர்கள் எந்தவிதமான யோக்யதாம்சங்கள் உள்ளவர்களாக இருக்கவேண்டும் ? ஒரு ஹரிஜன மெம்பரை தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதாகச் சொல்லப்படுகிறதே அவருடைய பெயர் என்ன ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" அவருடைய பெயர் வேண்டுமானால் தனியாகக் கேட்டால் சொல்லுகிறேன். இங்கு சொல்வதிற்கு அவசியமில்லை."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Sir, how many of them were recruited from the Bar? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Out of the 50 candidates, 27 by direct recruitment were from the Bar."

SRI A. RAMASWAMI TEVAR :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister how many advocate Members from the Assembly were selected? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If any had been selected it would have been known as they would have ceased to be Members of the Assembly."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" The Hon. Minister stated that linguistic considerations were taken into account. May I know what the linguistic divisions adopted for this purpose are? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The divisions are Tamil, Malayalam and Kanarese."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, did the selection include men from the Government service? If so, did it include any members from the Scheduled Castes and Backward Communities? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, 23 persons were recruited from the Services. There was no person belonging to the Scheduled Castes; there were 4 Backward Classes persons out of the 23."

SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL :—" May I know whether it is constitutional to select candidates on a linguistic basis? " 11-10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We have prescribed certain qualifications which are necessary for discharging the duties attached to the post. A person who does not know Tamil cannot function in a Tamil area. So language is prescribed as one of the qualifications for recruitment."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Out of 70 applicants from the Backward Communities only 4 were selected which means that 66 were not selected. Since only one person belonging to the Scheduled Castes was selected, the balance of quota reserved for Scheduled Castes may be allotted to the Backward Communities as the applicants from these communities are numerous."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There are equally more numerous applicants from the other communities and they also have to be provided for."

*Women's Welfare Organizations*

* 673 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any deputation on behalf of the State Advisory Committee for Women's Welfare on 23rd June 1954;

(*b*) whether the Women's Welfare Committee members are visiting the slums and looking after the welfare of the women living there;

(*c*) the number of Harijan women in the Women's Welfare Organizations in the State;